

# NEWS OF THE FINANCIAL WORLD—NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES

## BUYING FOLLOWS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND STOCKS ARE HIGHER

Plan to Leave Railroads' Future in Hands of Congress Causes Some Selling, but Supply Is Quickly Absorbed. Money Restrictions Still an Influence

### High Points in Today's Financial News

**HIGHER PRICES** were recorded by most leading stocks on New York exchange. President's address had little influence. His plan to allow Congress to decide concerning future of railroads caused some selling, but offerings were quickly absorbed, with advances following. Midwest Refining attracted attention today because of reports coming from good sources that the capital stock of the company will be increased from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 and the increased stock to be offered to present holders to the extent of 29 per cent at which, it was said, is \$50 per share.

This made Midwest a strong feature for a time and caused it to advance from 13½ to 14½ during the first hour. Other oil stocks were neglected and showed little change. Cosden selling at 100, and its 100½ preferred producing was traded at 94 to 95½.

The war orders stocks were irregular, with Aetna Explosives selling down to the low record of 53½; Submarine Boat sold in 12½ and Wright-Martin was traded in at 7½ and 8½. Curtiss Aeroplane advanced from 15 to 16 and then dropped to 14½.

Motor stocks were irregular. United Motors selling 22½ to 25½, while Keystone Tire continued its upward movement with sales at 28 to 29½.

Norfolk and Western sold as high as 198½ and then reacted to 177½.

The money situation also exerted a restrictive influence on business.

Withdrawals of Government deposits last week causing tension again, and for a good part of the day borrowers were bidding for \$12,000,000 on the floor of the exchange at 6 per cent without finding any supply until the money pool came into the market as lenders.

It is hoped that this situation will adjust itself within the next three days and with easier money again prevailing, that higher prices will be established.

There was no definite result announced after the meeting of the Marine directors, but it was stated that the prospects were almost certain the sale of the British lines to the Government would be consummated soon.

Generally the leading stocks made some amount of gain in the day's trading. Southern Pacific ranged from 19½ to 19¾; New Haven moved up from 25 to 26½ and Southern Railway from 29½ to 30½.

Studebaker made a gain of about 2 points to above 51 on denial of statement of intended financing.

United States Steel ranged from 94½ to 95½, showing only a trifling net change at the end of the day.

The only important feature of the bond market was the heavy trading in the Liberty issues at declining prices. The fourth 4½s sold down to 96½, a new low record.

## COTTON TOUCHES NEW LOW FOR MOVEMENT ON IMPROVED BUYING

Indication Lacking of Fresh Supply in Important Volume.

Start Is Mixed, With December Weak on Liquidation. Inquiries Are Fair

New York, Dec. 2.—Cotton continued its movement downward today, touching new low levels for the movement, after it had started mixed.

There was no indication of fresh buying, any important volume, and it was reported that, with accumulated supplies, with the goods trade unsold, and with futures so weak, southern holders are undergoing a severe test of confidence. Business was fairly active early, but it soon decreased, and the market again sagged on selling by longs, pit traders and cash houses.

Reports from Iowa points of a great number of bids from feeders in the Southwest for thirty-day shipment stuff, coupled with an indifferent attitude on the part of farmers as to marketing and the steady decline in contracts, however, sent prices upward again.

Local interests were inclined to fight the advance, but found offerings tight every time they attempted to cover. The absence of deliveries caused uneasiness among shorts. There was no snap to the request for the cash at hand.

Near the close there was a partial rally on foreign buying. Final prices were fairly steady at a net decline of 6 to 6½ points.

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